## May Festival Next Week

Public Schools Will Give Usual Spring Entertainment May 19.

as has been the custom of the local schools for several years a May Festi- Arm township he has been too long val will be given by all grades of the affiliated with East Jordan and its schools on Friday evening, May 19th, at the Temple Theatre.

The program will include the usual May Pole Dance, drills, dramatizations residence. He has served East Jordan and songs. About 150 children from the Kindergartens to the high school City Commissioner and Supervisor and will have part and a very enjoyable will poll a good sized vote in this secprogram may be expected. This is the tion where his ability is known. only entertainment of the year produced by the children of the schools and of Charlevoix County will be placing a their effects should be awarded by a new man in county office who is thorlarge attendance.

The price of admission has been made low enough so that all patrons of Politically, Mr. Graff has been a lifethe schools can afford to attend, 35 long Republican and has at all times cents for adults and 20 cents for school worked faithfully for Republican children. Tickets purchased of the children canvassing the town may be exchanged at Mack's or at the door for WORK OF THE COUNTY a reserved seat ticket without extra charge.

# EAST JORDAN

The following rules for the guidance of the members of the Garden Associaof Directors:

- may compete in the flower garden, or administration, to the end of increasing vegetable garden, contest, or in both.
- 2. No definite area of land shall be rural social life. required.
- 3. At a time designated by the of his or her products.
- by a responsible person, preferably a parent of the member.
- ences in growing the garden.
- gardens.
- be carried on entirely by the contestant in the correlation of all economic and except as stated in the next two rules. 9. Each contestant may hire his or her garden plowed or spaded.
- 10. A contestant will be allowed upon application to the Board of Directors to hire some other person to take care of his garden, if absent from the city during vacation.
- 11. In making out accounts, time will be charged at the rate of 5c per 12. All prizes will be awarded on the
- following basis: General care and appearance of ...30 per cent
- Quality of products exhibited Profit for the season ......15 per cent.
- 13. Any points not covered by the rules will be decided by the Board of Directors.
- SUGGESTIONS FOR GARDENS.
- 1. Early plowing or spading will mean better gardens and less trouble with weeds, later in the season.
- 2. Plant in straight lines. A garden line of cord will be a great help.
- 3. Don't plant seed too thickly. One good plant is worth a whole garden of
- 4. Every weed is a robber. Keep the ground moist by water-
- ing and cultivation. 6. A crust on the soil should be broken up at once with a rake or hoe.
- 7. Plan to make your garden raise at least one thing well. 8. Don't forget that a neat notebook

#### will help at every stage. 1916 Daffydils

- If you love wild flowers, would you want to associate with a prim-rose? Be careful how you handle the parts
- of your house. Do nothing that will make your window blind. If white is the color of the chimney,
- what is the lamp shade? When you have nothing else upon which to lavish your affection, why not
- the car pet? Although the neighbors do not always approve of it's tone, every parent

thinks his infant a baby grand.

#### J. H. GRAFF IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

On another page of this issue will be found J. H. Graff's announcement of his candidacy for the office of County Clerk on the Republican ticket at the August primary.

While Mr. Graff is a resident of South interests to need any introduction. About a year ago he resigned as City Commissioner owing to his change of and South Arm Township ably as

If nominated and elected, the voters oughly conversant with county affairs, and whose ability is unquestioned. interests.

## AGRICULTURAL AGENT

OBJECT-The object of the work of GARDEN ASSOCIATION | the County Agricultural Agent as officially stated by the Michigan Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture is to give instruction, have been adopted by the Board tion and demonstrations in agriculture in order to secure the adoption of bet-1. Each member of the Association ter farm practice, organization, and the profits of farming and improving

METHOD OF PROCEDURE-Men well trained in science and the practice directors of the garden association, of agriculture and known as County each contestant shall make an exhibit Agricultural Agents, are employed and located permanently, one in each 4. A careful account shall be kept county or like area of the State (with through the season, of the number of or without assistants,) as rapidly as cirhours' work put on the garden, with all cumstances warrant and funds permit. expenditures and receipts, and a report | These agents co-ordinate and apply the of the same shall be made with the results of several departments of the Michigan Agricultural College, the 5. Every report shall be certified to United States Department of Agriculture, and other research institutions, with such studies of farm practice and 6. With this report, each contestant farm organization as may be made by shall present a story of at least 200 the agent in the course of his work, to words, relating his or her own experi- the end of carrying concretely to the farmers of the county or community, 7. All gardens shall be inspected at on their own tarms, a knowledge of regular intervals, and at least five times | sound principles and successful pracduring the season, by the supervisor of tices in agriculture. They also aid in the reorganization and redirection of 8. The work on each garden is to the agriculture of the community, and social forces with the agencies working for the improvement of agriculture and county life, in so far as may be possible and desirable; and bring into existence when needed, and co-operate with, agricultural clubs, associations, and other organizations whose objects are the improvement of agricultural practices, marketing methods, and educational, home, and social conditions throughout the country. Farmers and members of their families are met individually and in groups for the purpose of study, instruction, and demonstration in field, barn, creamery, school and elsewhere.

#### This Week as it is Not in History

Monday, May 8.-Oliver Cromwell wears the first sport shirt, 1631. Tuesday, May 9.—Lucretia Borgia gives

a large poison party, 1520. Wednesday, May 10.-Robespierre is accused of teaching the King of days.

France to play poker, 1620. Thursday, May 11.-Abraham Lincoln becomes an expert Tango dancer,

Friday, May 12.-Henry VIII falls in love with a chorus girl and beheads another wife, 1519.

Saturday, May 13.-Robert Fulton draws the model for a modern battleship, Sunday, May 14.-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

writes "Pigs is Pigs," 1900.

#### Crippled Mother Goose Rhymes

Jack and Jill. Went up a hill To fetch a pail of water, Jack fell down

And broke his crown, But perhaps it wasn't water they went

after. It may have been something a little more entangling.

Some men are like doormats-useful chiefly to be walked over. But the man who shines in society

seldom shines in his business. Spend less time in apologizing and more in improving your conduct.

# Mothers' Day May 14th

#### A Proclamation By the Governor.

During the last fifty years the American home has undergone little less than a revolution. Science and invention have wrought marvelous changes in our economic and industrial conditions. Some of these changes have a tendency to destroy the unity of home interests. Time and distance have been annihilated. Home permanence has in a large measure been destroyed. The responsibilities of the mother have been increased. She finds it impossible to keep her flock together; she finds her task of inspiring and directing her children more and more difficult. She must, therefore, do her greatest work when her children are 'little tots,' when they are most responsive to the tenderest and wisest suggestions. American mothers recognize this necessity, and are making holy sacrifices to this end.

The mothers of every country are more important than armies and munitions of war. The mothers are the source of civilization. To our mothers we owe our patriotism, our religion, our holiest aspirations. It is especially fitting in the year nineteen sixteen that we pay tribute to the Mothers of America. Let the boys and girls and the "grown-ups", who are away from home on Mothers' Day, write a letter of gratitude to Mother. "Let those who are home meet Mother with a smile, a kiss and a handful of flowers. Recite to her the prayer she taught you at the bedside."

Therefore, I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, ask that the people of Michigan set apart the second Sunday in May (the 14th) as Mothers' Day. In obedience to a Resolution by the United States Congress, I ask the people of Michigan to display on this day the United States flag on all government and public buildings, at their homes or other suitable places, "as a public expression of their love and reverence for the Mothers of our country." As far as possible let parents in their homes and both young and old in public meetings discuss the theme of Mother with that enthusiasm and sincerity which characterizes all loyal Americans.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the Commonwealth the eightieth.

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS, Governor. By the Governor:

#### COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN, Secretary of State.

The hen is yolked to her job. With women 25 is the skiddoo num-

ELBERT BEDE SAYS

Many a man has made his mark who

has never been heard of. One of our greatest faults is worry ng about the faults of others.

Anyway the fish that got away is good for another story next time.

What will become of chivalry when women become politicans and grafters. Contrary as it may seem, locks of a canal often are the key to the situation. Eating too much meat is said to be dangerous. This is probably a subtle

hint from our ereditors. In view of happenings at Panama, it might be petinent to ask "When is a canal not a canal?"

Talking about an industrious womens lobby at Washington, we are glad there is something there that works.

A good many articles of daily need are short in supply--but no shorter than we are of the supply of stuff to buy them with.

The nude has a place in the world, but there is some doubt if so much nakedness in the moving pictures in the name of morality is really moral.

A dozen male students in one college are learning to cook. Probably think that is necessary to be happy with a girl brought up in these suffragette

From a close and careful scrutiny of the new styles in surf costumes we come to the conclusion that the girls want to demonstrate that they are bona fide daughters of Mother Eve.

### County Normal Notes.

(Ethel Barbour)

The class attended the Elson Art exhibit in the assembly room Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Friday afternoon the class served punch and wafers The lettuce and radishes which were

planted in the hot-bed are up. Several different birds have been

seen and identified by the class. Two bird houses were put into the trees in the school yard and it is hoped that there will be a bird family that will

move in. Hazel Richardson and Catherine La-Londe went with County Commissioner May L. Stewart to a rural school to

score the school for a standard. Envy is an acknowledgment of the good fortune of others.

Marriage isn't necessarily a failure, but it's seldom what it ought to be.

## MAY—YOUTH'S MONTH

By "Observer."

May is the month that makes men of

lead them into health-giving exercises of clover that will be plowed up bethat are not quite so enjoyable when cause winter killed or otherwise dethe hot rays of the sun later on suggests less strenuous sports-swimming, fish- the southern counties, 4 in the central

The boy, or shall we say kid, who and 2 in the Upper Peninsula. has not learned to make his own kites, tackle, the boy who doesn't know what it is to suffer a nailless toe, isn't living ern counties, 97 in the central counties, just right. But the chances are his fail- 102 in the northern counties and 106 in ings are not his fault. The probabilities the Upper Peninsula. are that such a boy is retarded by too much paternal guardianship.

of course, wholly without supervision, but let him get all of the benefits of early spring by spending every minute possible out of doors. The chances are his days full of play will make him glad enough to stay at home evenings, and when a real boy is willing to stay at home of evenings his parents haven't much cause for worry over him.

#### Old Jokes Re-Twisted

"My Lord, the motor waits without," "Without what, sirrah?"

'Without a carburator, a wind shield, a veniences that will be invented and the year 1916, most noble liege'

Most people who say but little talk too much.

of thought.

Transgressors should be made to pay a road tax. Girls will be girls-if they can't be

married women. Some men value outward show more

than inward worth. It's easy for the average woman to keep a secret-going.

"Blessed is the tie that binds not," would be an appropriate slogan for the Ohio woman who has been divorced seven times.

When a fool hen takes a notion to sit the different sections. she doesn't care a rap whether there are any eggs in the nest or not. Lazy men are built on the same plan.

A Western man has invented a preparation for restoring old paintings. A preparation for restoring new umbrellas to their owners would be more pop-

#### MICHIGAN CROP REPORT

Lansing, Mich., May 6, 1916. WHEAT .- The condition of wheat in the State is 81, in the southern counties 78, in the central counties 80, in the

northern counties 88 and in the Upper Peninsula 95.

The condition on April 1st in the State was 78, in the southern counties 73, in the central counties 82, in the northern counties 89 and in the Upper Peninsula 98. The condition one year ago was 92 in the State and southern counties, 94 in the central counties, 90 in the northern counties and 97 in the Upper Peninsula. The per cent. of wheat that will be plowed up because winter killed or otherwise destroyed is 5 in the State 6 in the southern counties, 5 in the central counties, 3 in the northern counties and 1 in the Upper Peninsula. The damage by Hessian fly in per cent. is 3 in the State, 5 in the southern counties, 2 in the central counties and 1 in the northern counties.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in April at 72 have yielded to England, and now it is flouring mills is 69,136 and at 74 ele- made known in Washington that we vators and to grain dealers 68,796 or a total of 137,932 bushels. Of this amount 92,853 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 42,062 in the central counties, and 3,017 in the northern counties and Upper Peninsula. The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the nine months August-April is 7,500,000 and the quantity yet remaining in possession of growers after deducting 2,500,000 bushels used for seed and home consumption is 5,494,517 bushels. Fifty-eight mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in April.

RYE.—The average condition of rye in the State is 88, in the southern counties 84, in the central counties 89, in the northern counties 92 and in the Upper Peninsula 97. The condition one year ago was in the State and southern counties 94, in the central counties 95, in the northern counties 93 and in the Upper Peninsula 100.

MEADOWS AND CLOVER .- The condition of meadows and pasture in the State is 91, in the southern counties 89, in the central counties 93, in the northern counties 92 and in the

Upper Peninsula 96. The acreage of clover sown as compared with last year is 97 in the State, 94 in the southern counties, 96 in the central and northern counties and 101 Their kites, marbles, balls and tops in the Upper Peninsula. The acreage

counties, 3 in the northern counties OATS .- The acreage of oats sown or his own sling-shot, and his own fishing that will be sown as compared with last year is 98 in the State, 96 in the south-

stroyed is 6 per cent. in the State, 9 in

CHICORY AND MINT .- The number of acres of chicory in the State so Turn the boy loose this spring-not, far as reported is 637 and the number of acres of mint 3,710.

SPRING PIGS AND LAMBS .- The per cent of spring pigs saved as compared with 1915, is 90 in the State, 89 in the southern and northern counties, 96 in the central counties and 92 in the Upper Peninsula. The per cent. of lambs saved as compared with 1915 is 92 in the State, 93 in the southern counties, 95 in the central counties, 88 in the northern counties and 97 in the Upper Peninsula.

FARM WAGES .-- The average monthly wages with board is \$28.56 in the self starter, or any of the other con- State, \$29.72 in the southern counties, \$28.20 in the central counties, \$27.36 in between this year of grace 1900, the northern counties and \$29.09 in the Upper Peninsula.

The average wages by the day without board is \$1.74 in the State, \$1.82 in the southern counties, \$1.69 in the cen- ance, judging from the way the statis-If you are in a hurry, avoid the train tral counties, \$1.60 in the northern tics issued by the Department are garcounties and \$1.81 in the Upper Pen- | bled.

> The average wages in the State last year, by the month with board was \$27. 03 and the average wages by the day without board was \$1.64.

> FRUIT.-Fruit correspondents report a very promising prospect for an abundant crop of fruit in all sections of the State where the business is given proper care.

The following table will show the prospect at present for a crop of the various kinds of fruit in the State and

State	Southern Counties	Northe
Apples 87	85	92
Pears84	84	81
Peaches79	79	82
Plums 85	83	87
Cherries89	88	93
Small fruit91	89	97

The average prospect for peaches in the Michigan Fruit Belt is 79 per cent.; one year ago it was 93 per cent. in the same territory.

COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN, Secretary of State.

### ALONG THE FIRING LINE

"Tradition is a handsome thing in proportion as we live up to it," said President Wilson to the members of the D. A. R. Convention. Then he broke a date to meet the ladies of the convention and went to the ball game. Tradition continues to be a handsome thing.

Our "shortened line of Communications" in Mexico will follow closely the line of the Kansas, Mexico & Orient Railroad. The practical mind will at once want to know why we do not use the railroad itself. The answer is that Carranza will not let us. Yet Wilson made Carranza.

We have yielded to Germany, we are about to yield to Japan in the matter of some of the restrictions in the pending immigration bill. Yielding has become a real habit with the Wilson administration-and presently it will yield to a Republican administration.

It is announced that Ambassador Morgenthau has resigned in order to promote a "non-partisan league" to aid in Wilson's campaign. The illuminating information is further vouchsafed that Mr. Morgenthau consulted with Mr. McAdoo about the league before the Secretary sailed for South America. Under the auspices of McAdoo and Morgenthau, who can doubt the real "non-partisanship" of any league which they will promote?

Indiana Republicans should offer their thanks to Senator Tom Taggart, who has decided to be a candidate for election to the seat which he now holds by the appointment of the Governor. This will afford a line-up in Hoosierdom which cannot fail to benefit the Republicans, for Taggart, while a successful political boss, lacks much of being able to command the independent vote which is so large a factor in Indiana political affairs. Moreover, it clarifies the issue for Indiana to determine The Polaton of which Taggart has thoroughly controlled, has been most unsatisfactory to the tax-payers and with Taggart on the ficket there is a most excellent opportunity to get after the "man higher up."

Champ Clark berated the House soundly the other day for its dilatory tactics. A week or so before he was taking up a cudgel in defence of that body because of public criticism of its delay. Mr. Speaker, where are we at?

Japan imported nearly a billion pounds of raw cotton in 1915, compared with 827,000,000 pounds the year before This cotton was worked up into cloth and a considerable portion of it came into this country, because of the 40 per cent cut in the tariff on cotton wearing apparel, enacted by the Democrats. Japan is also driving us out of the Chinese market on cotton goods. The reason is very plain. Japanese laborers work 11 hours aday in the textile mills. Female spinners receive 16% cents a day; weavers 14 cents. Male weavers receive 22% cents. Dyers get 25 cents. We may expect competition with Japan to increase so long as the Democratic tariff law is on the statute books.

The Department of Commerce announces a competitive examination to be held for "assistant to expert in commerce and finance." Whoever the "expert" himself may be, he is certainly in need of considerable assist-

The Department of Commerce reports 30 foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry since June 30, 1915. These 30 vessels will get from under the Stars and Stripes just as soon as the war is over, if the seamen's law is then in force.

The "non-partisanship" which the White House cries for in order to get its schemes through Congress is finely demonstrated in the Democratic threat to apply the gag to the House of Representatives as a means of accelerating the passage of the Philippines bill, the shipping bill, and other measures which are entirely personal in their origin and political in their purpose.

Never argue with a man who is over 70 years of age, or with a woman of any